

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for optimising [[the]] viscosity of edible juices and purees, of the type comprising the steps of:

[[-]] sorting ~~(1)~~ the a product;

[[-]] triturating [[(2)]] the product;

[[-]] heating [[(3)]] the triturated product;

[[-]] refining [[(4,5)]] in one or more stages, obtaining a juice or puree [[(9)]] , waste [[(6)]] and fibres ; [[(8)]] ~~, where said refining step could also be combined with the triturating or cutting step,~~

~~characterised in that it comprises at least one of the following steps:~~

[[-]] feeding a part in a percentage of 5-25 % of the refined juice or puree to undergo further trituration or further heating ~~enter the triturating step or to enter the heating step;~~

[[-]] recirculating a part of the fibres [[(9)]] to undergo further trituration ~~enter the triturating step;~~

[[-]] stationing [[(16)]] the heated product [[,]] before said ~~the step of~~ refining [[it]] , said stationing having a duration of about 0-30 minutes and occurring in a tank or tube.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A [[M]]method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said feeding step occurs by ~~means of~~ spraying or nebulisation.

4. - 7. (canceled)